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1. In mid-January 1954, the East German Ministry of Railroads had issued the following secret order:
 - a. For the duration of the Four-Power Conference a trouble-shooting service for telecommunications installations will be established at the Ministry of Railroads.
 - b. Special fire fighting details will be ready for employment at any time.
 - c. The translation bureau of the Ministry will be occupied 24 hours every day.
 - d. The operations departments of the Ministry of Railroads will organize a special operations staff which will go into action in the event of incidents.
 - e. Effective immediately, no leave will be granted to any employee of the Ministry. All high-ranking employees from Referent up to Hauptabteilungsleiter must be within reach of telephone communication and ready for duty at all times.
 - f. The teletype center and the Basa switchboard are to be guarded by reliable personnel day and night.
 - g. Guards assigned to special railroad installations will be reinforced.
 - h. The compliance with these orders will be reported by noon on 20 January. Employees responsible for the execution of the orders will be reported in writing to the Minister of Railroads. All personnel involved in these measures will have to sign a written statement that they will observe the strictest secrecy in all matters connected with the orders given and that they will do their utmost to safeguard the safety of the German Democratic Republic.

2. On 20 January, [redacted] at the railroad sub-district office (USA) in Stralsund that four locomotives were to be kept under steam for the duration of the Four-Power Conference in Berlin. The order was given by the Ministry of Railroads. Two of these locomotives were to be kept available at Prora and one each at Neubrandenburg and Stralsund. [redacted] 2

operations staffs had been formed from reliable SED men with the regional railroad headquarters and railroad sub-district offices.

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3. The DLR Travel Bureau was ordered to establish an information bureau for international railroad traffic at the Bahnhof Zoo and Friedrichstrasse elevated train stations on 20 January. These information bureaus were to function throughout the duration of the Four-Power Conference in Berlin.
 4. By order of the East German Ministry, a special train consisting of four IRym cars, 1 luggage van, 1 passenger coach, and 1 boxcar was to be formed on 15 January. The individual cars of this train had to be transitworthy.
 5. At a conference attended by the chiefs of railroad sub-district offices in the Schwerin Railroad District, the President of the Schwerin Regional Railroad Headquarters gave orders that the following measures be taken:
 - a. An increased patrol of main lines according to a written schedule was to be established;
 - b. Trouble-shooting squads must be available for checks on safety and telecommunications installations at all times;
 - c. First-aid trains and fire-fighting trains must be ready for immediate employment;
 - d. Railroad maintenance stations must be occupied by stand-by details round the clock and the chiefs of railroad maintenance stations must be ready for duty at all times;
 - e. All interzonal railroad lines will be closely controlled;
 - f. All trains will be carefully checked as to their lighting, heating, and tidiness;
 - g. Waiting rooms of major railroad stations will be cleaned and the efficiency of all Mitropa installations will be improved;
 - h. Translation bureaus will be established at all Berlin railroad stations;
 - i. No special trains or special railroad journeys will be approved;
 - k. The ban on taking photographs of railroad installations will be strictly enforced.
 - l. Special operations staffs will be formed at regional railroad headquarters and railroad sub-district headquarters.
 - m. Basa switchboards will be guarded;
 - n. Guards on railroad bridges will be reinforced.
- The compliance with these orders will be reported by midnight on 15 January.

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